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Wahkiakum PUD Closes Facilities to Customer Access Amid COVID-19 Concerns

Cathlamet, WA – March 16, 2020 – PUD #1 of Wahkiakum County, Washington (Wahkiakum PUD) will be closing facilities to customer access effective at close of business Monday, March 16, 2020. This is a proactive measure to limit exposure to the COVID-19 coronavirus in order to protect customers, as well as employees in order that the District may best maintain reliable service. Wahkiakum PUD provides an essential service to our community and we recognize that keeping everyone healthy is important in the continuance of providing that service.

Payments may be made by phone, mail, payment drop box, or through the website portal. Payment methods and locations can be found at <https://www.wahkiakumpud.org/>

For all other customer inquiries, including applications for service, customers can call 360-795-3266 or 360-465-2171.

As this situation unfolds, the latest announcements will be posted to the District's website at <https://www.wahkiakumpud.org/>

“The PUD recognizes the inconvenience to our customers during this rapidly changing event. Our concern for our employees’ and customers’ safety is one of our top priorities. Based on the information the PUD has today, we feel this is a necessary decision in the best interest of our community. We will continue to evaluate the most current information and will keep our customers informed.”

Wahkiakum PUD serves over 2,500 accounts in Wahkiakum County with energy from over 97% clean, renewable, affordable and carbon-free sources. Wahkiakum PUD also serves three separate water systems with over 900 accounts.

The mission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Wahkiakum County is to provide the most reliable electric and water service at the most reasonable cost along with quality customer service to the District's ratepayers. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.